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I. Molotov statement.

A. Negative tone sets the stage.

B. Proposed agenda.

1. Five-power talks and international tension.

a. Repeated Soviet position on arms race.

b. Facilitate a Korean solution.

c. Create normal trade conditions.

2. German unity question and European security.

a. Germany as threat to security.

b. Possibility of a counter-force to EDC.

c. Allusion to Anglo-Soviet and French-Soviet treaties.

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3. Austrian state treaty.

- a. Based on existing agreements.**
- b. Must insure Austrian independence.**

II. USSR informally woos British and French.

III. Composition of Soviet delegation.

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